

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, after the title of the application, please insert the following:

-CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a division of Serial No. 10/210,814, filed August 2, 2002, ^{now U.S. Patent No. 7,053,258} and which is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference. - -

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Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 18-22, with the new paragraph set forth below:

- in the presence of a bulk catalyst consisting of ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fluoride or of a mixture of ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fluoride and alumina, or of a catalyst based on iron, or on iron and nickel, supported on ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fluoride or on a mixture of ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fluoride and alumina.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 6-18, with the new paragraph set forth below:

The catalyst that may be used for this invention is a catalyst consisting of ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fluoride or a mixture of ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fluoride and alumina, onto which are optionally deposited oxides, halides and/or oxyhalides of iron, or else of iron and nickel. Catalysts consisting of ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fluoride, alone or as a mixture with alumina, are described especially in EP 0 609 124. Catalysts based on iron, or on iron and nickel, are prepared by dry-impregnating ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fluoride or a